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For : **IMPROVED FLUID MIXING IN A DIAGNOSTIC ANALYZER**

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**Dear Sir:**

**SECOND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Kindly amend the above-identified application as follows:

**AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS:**

Applicants attach replacement Figures 1A, 1B, 1C, 2A and 2B. The attached sheets replace the original Figures 1A, 1B, 1C, 2A and 2B.